Appl. No. 10/659,910 Amdt. Dated March 28, 2005 Reply to Office action of December



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant

Tadafumi Shimizu et al.

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Title

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS HAVING A REMOVABLE

FIXING DEVICE (as amended)

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Examiner

Hoan H. Tran

Customer No.

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Docket No.

36104

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated December 29, 2004 (Paper No.

20041226). The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on March 29, 2005.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$150.00 for the addition of 3 claims in excess of 20.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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